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**CAPTAIN GRAVITY: THE POWER OF THE VRIL™**

**In the last issue:**

**A young pulp enthusiast interviews writer Willey Ley about an infamous 1947 story "The Vril" in which he describes the Nazis' attempt to acquire a pan-ultimate universal power. Willey is haunted by memories of the past and launches into a tale of a movie-inspired superhero and a global race to rescue a beautiful starlet amidst 1930s Hollywood and the growing Nazi regime.**



THERE  
IS A SONG  
IN DIRT.

A DREAM  
IN EVERY DROP  
OF WATER.

THE ENGINE  
OF THE UNIVERSE  
REPOSED IN AN APPLE  
SLICE... AWAKE  
IN A STAR.



CALL  
OUT THE  
WORD.

VRL.



YOU,  
DESCENDANT OF  
ROMULUS, SHOW  
YOURSELVES TO  
DESTINY'S  
GLEAM.



FOCUS YOUR  
MIND.

SING THE  
SONG, DREAM  
THE DREAM, DRIVE  
THE ENGINE.



GOVERN THE  
UNIVERSE.

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*And the* **POWER** *of the* **VRIL**

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MOVIETONE PRESENTS!

# CAPTAIN GRAVITY... ON THE NEWS!

CAPTAIN GRAVITY!  
IN THE NEWS!

SHARE  
DUBOIS...

...STAR OF THE EEN TO BE RELEASED  
CAPTAIN GRAVITY AND THE ORIENTAL MENACE...

...IS CELEBRATING THE END OF A BRUELING SHOOT BY TAKING  
AN EXOTIC VACATION TO MYSTERIOUS EGYPT WITH  
BOYFRIEND AND FAMED ARCHAEOLOGIST JAN LUNTHEN!

THE LOVELY MISS DUBOIS  
IS GOING TO BRAVE  
NORTH AFRICA,  
CURRENTLY  
QUITE A HOT ZONE.

AS GREAT BRITAIN SENDS IN MORE TROOPS UNDER THE  
COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHALL ARCHIBALD WAVELL TO  
PROTECT THE SUEZ CANAL FROM THE GROWING THREAT IN...

...NOT SO NEIGHBORLY FASCIST LIBYA WHERE BENITO  
MUSSOLINI HAS STATIONED A MILLION-SOLDIER ARMY.

THERE GOES ONE ADVENTUROUS HOLLYWOOD STARLET.

## MOVIETONE'S THE TALK OF HOLLYWOOD!

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, MISS DUBOIS. YOUR  
FANS IN AMERICA WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOU.

**A L CAHIRA (CAIRO) —**  
**A PROTECTORATE OF**  
**GREAT BRITAIN.**

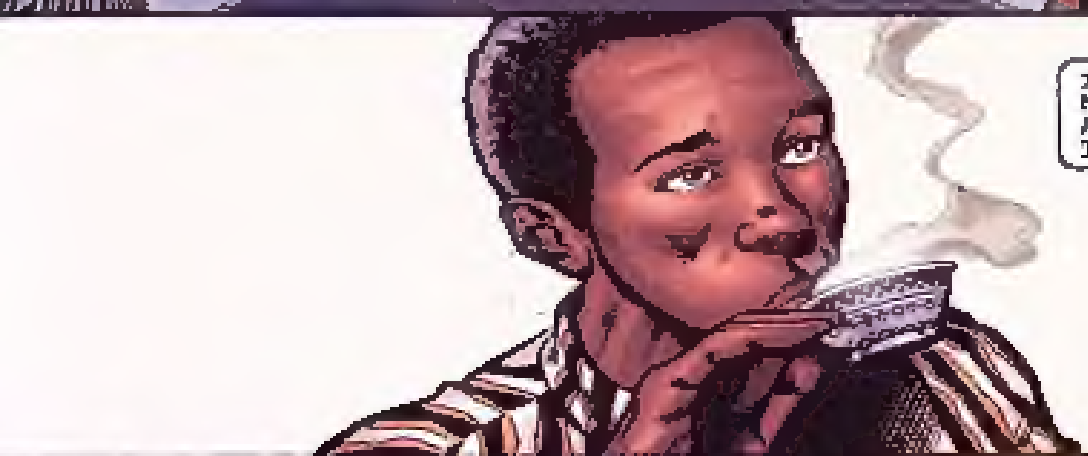
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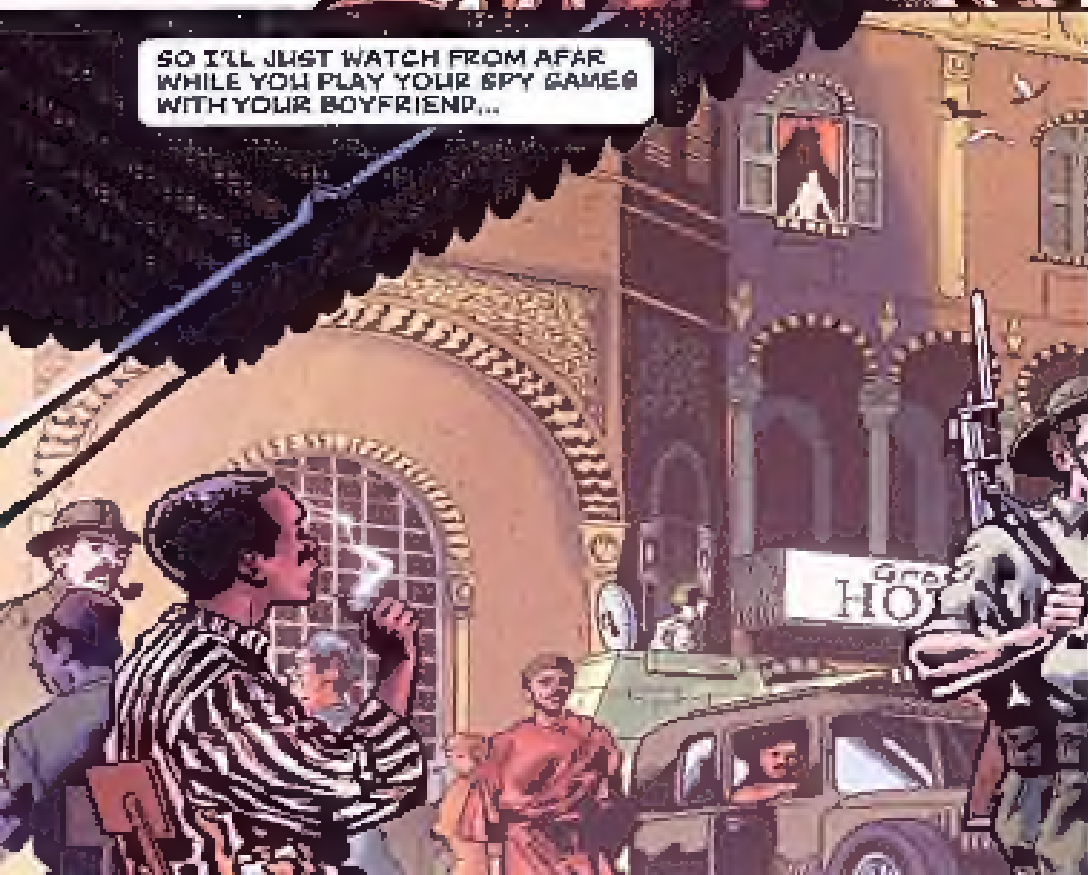
I'VE NEVER SEEN  
ANY PLACE LIKE  
THIS, CHASE.



I WISH I COULD SHARE THE  
NOVELTY OF IT WITH YOU, BUT  
AS FAR AS YOU'RE CONCERNED  
I'M BACK IN L.A.

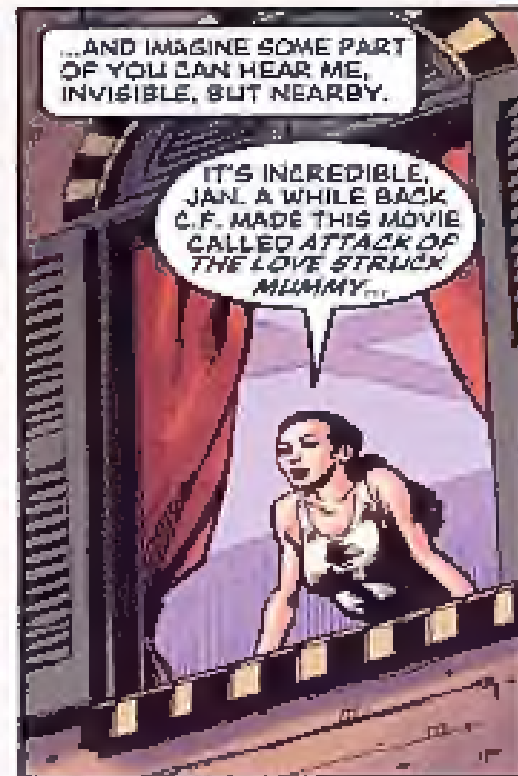


SO I'LL JUST WATCH FROM AFAR  
WHILE YOU PLAY YOUR SPY GAMES  
WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND...

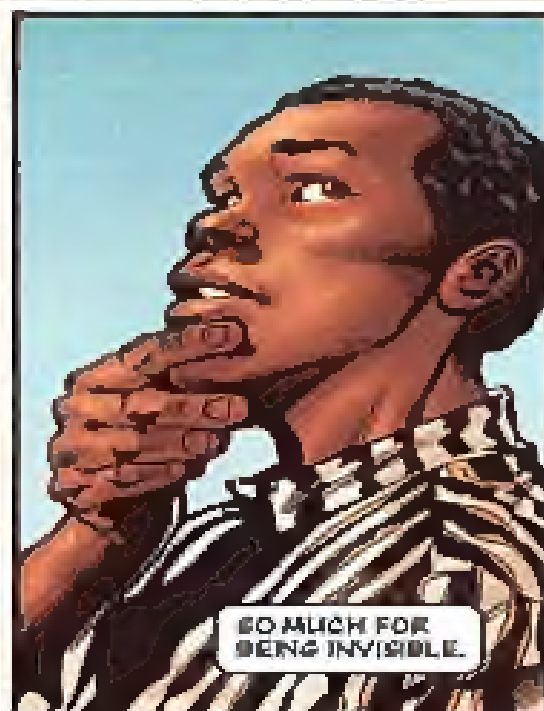
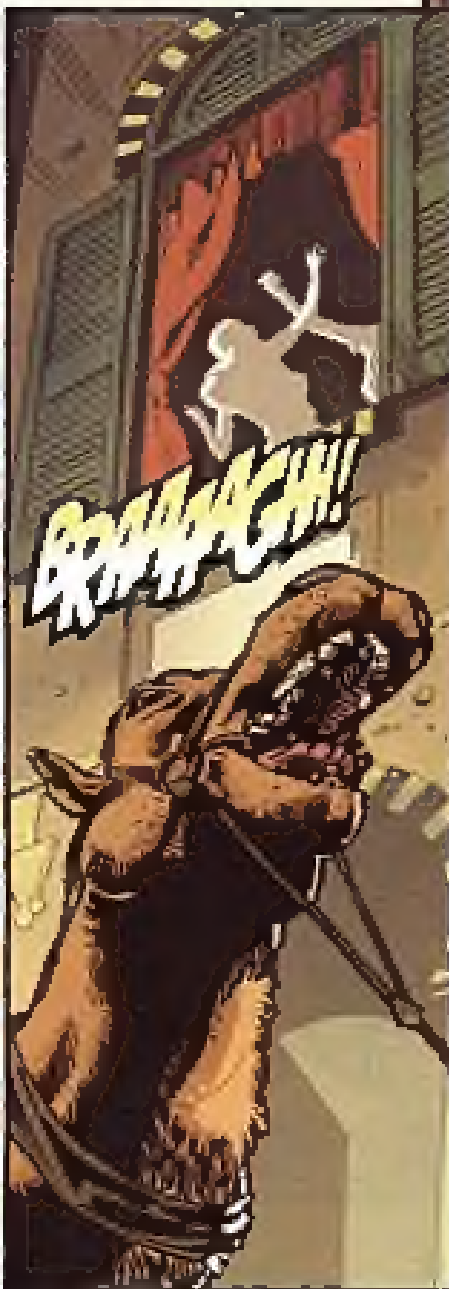


...AND IMAGINE SOME PART  
OF YOU CAN HEAR ME,  
INVISIBLE, BUT NEARBY.

IT'S INCREDIBLE,  
JAN. A WHILE BACK  
C.F. MADE THIS MOVIE  
CALLED **ATTACK OF  
THE LOVE STRUCK  
MUMMY**...











THE MUSLIM CALL TO PRAYER IS BEAUTIFUL BUT INTOXICATING.

...THESE POOR PEOPLE, IF IT'S NOT THE OTTOMANS, IT'S THE FRENCH, OR THE BRITISH. FOREIGN PRESENCE HERE WAS JUST STARTING TO DIMINISH TOO...NOW LOOK AT IT.

THE COFFEE IS THE STRONGEST I'VE EVER HAD IN MY LIFE. IT'S GIVING ME A FEARSOME HEADACHE. THIS GUY'S CONVERSATION IS INTERESTING BUT I'M NOT UP FOR IT.

PLUS I ATE SOMETHING UNIDENTIFIABLE EARLIER AND IT'S DIGESTING WITH ALL THE GRACE OF A LEAD PIPE.

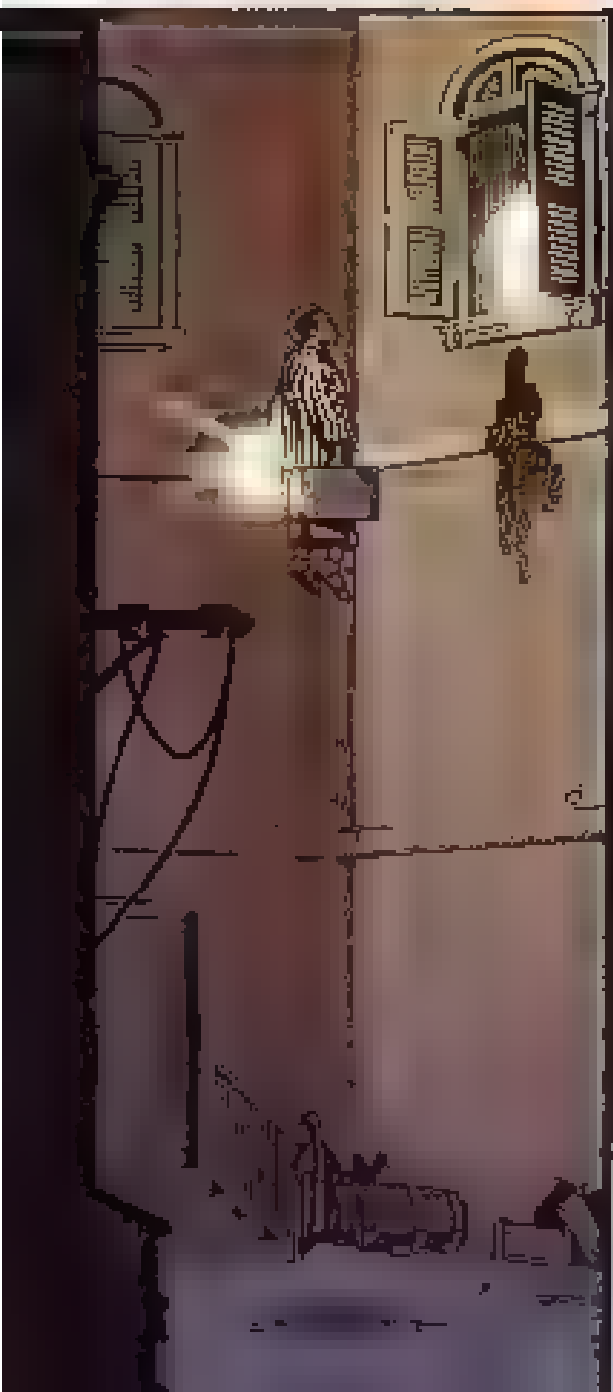
IN THE MIDDLE OF MY WHINEY INTERNAL DIALOG I SEE HIM.

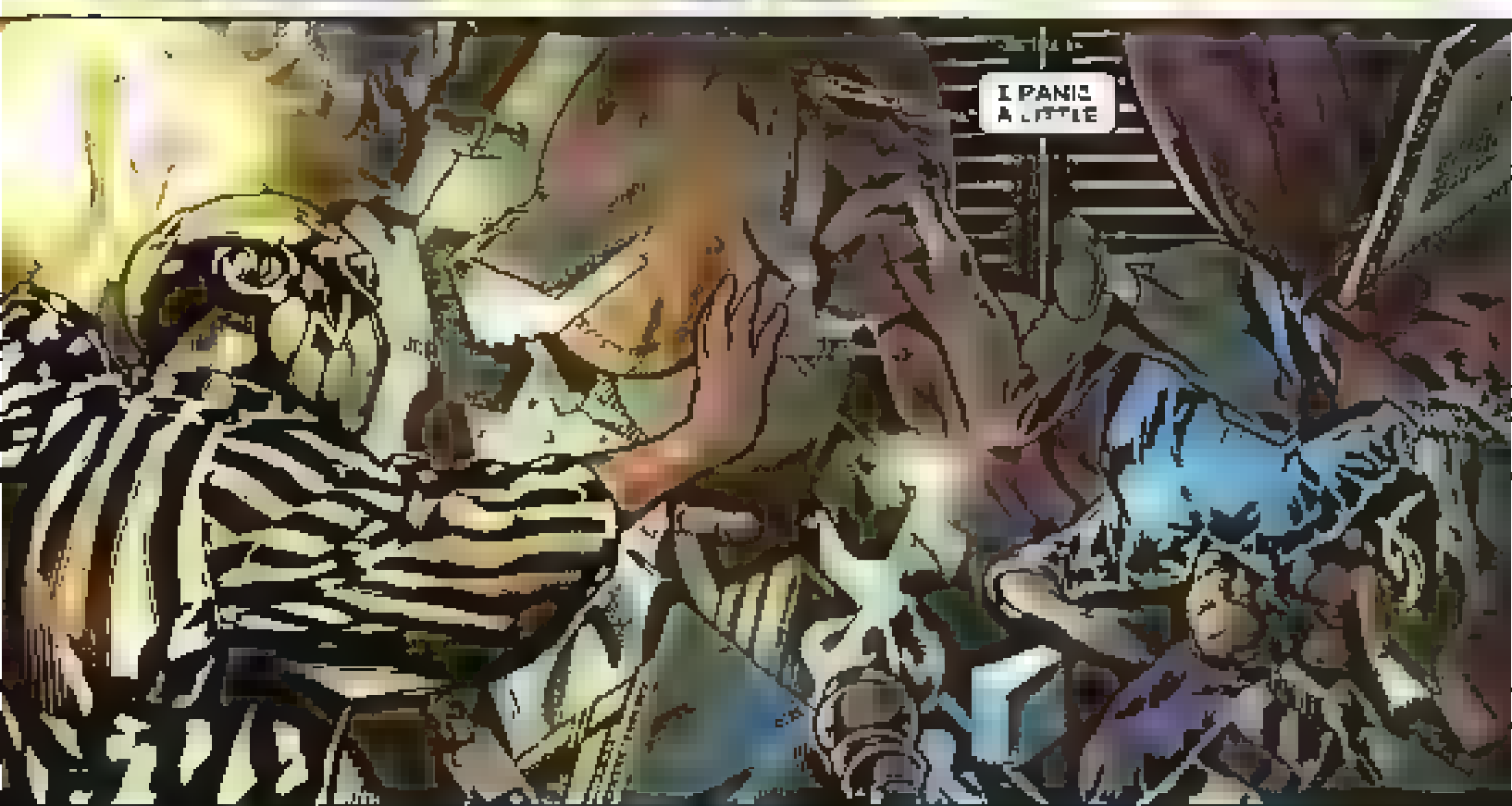
IT'S JACK PARSONS, CHASE. YOUR AMERICAN CONTACT.

I'M SORRY, MR. YEFA-- YEFAMIV-- I'M SORRY.

I'VE GOT TO GO.











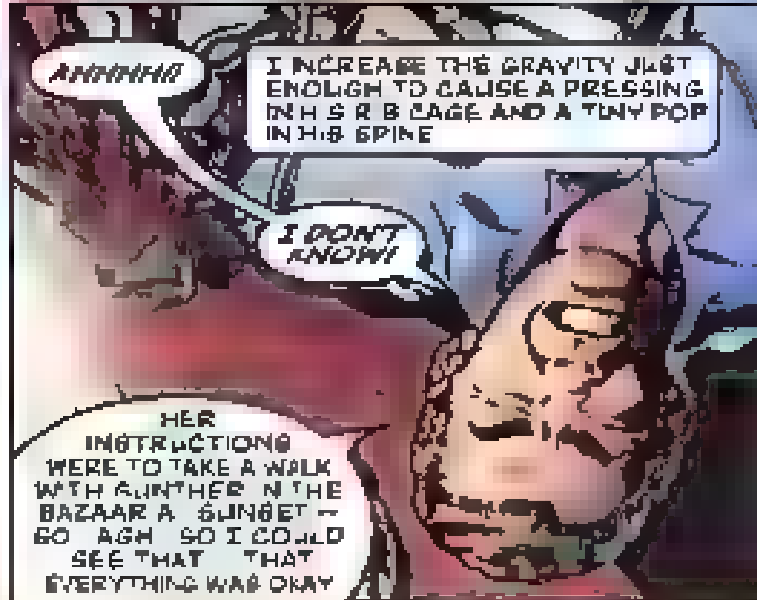
HELLO  
MR. FARSONE.

I SAW  
YOUR MASK, YO-YO-YO  
CAPTAIN GRAVITY

YOU'RE  
SUPPOSED TO BE  
ON OUR SIDE

WHERE'S  
CHASE DUBOIS?  
WHY SN'T SHE  
HERE?

I DON'T  
KNOW



AND THEN

I INCREASE THE GRAVITY JUST  
ENOUGH TO CAUSE A PRESSING  
IN HIS RIB CAGE AND A TINY POP  
IN HIS SPINE

I DON'T  
KNOW!

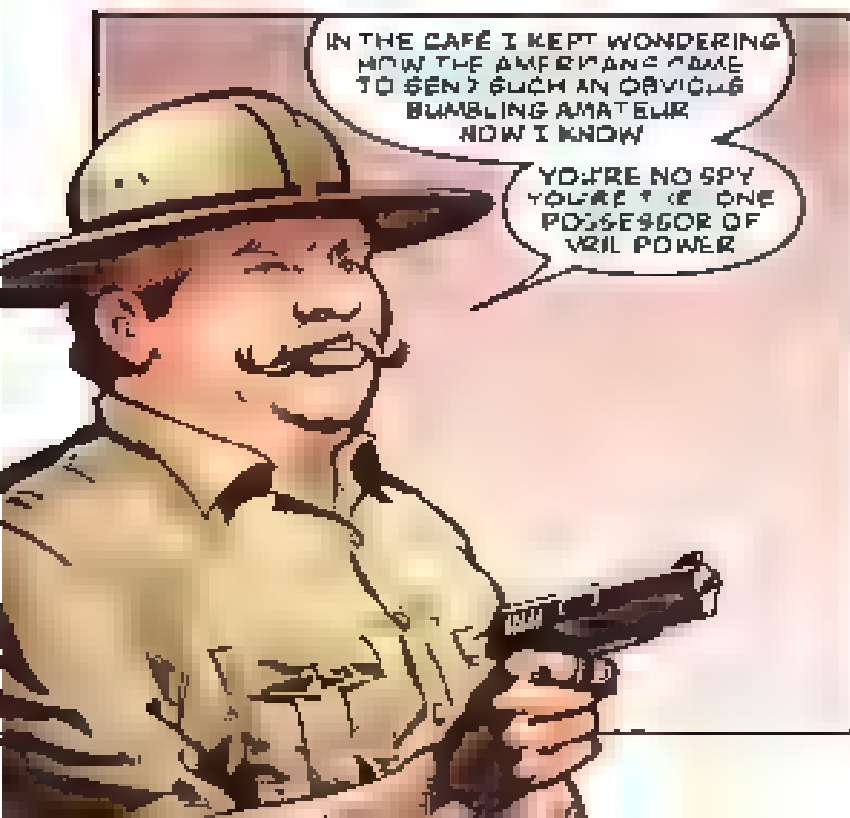
HER  
INSTRUCTIONS  
WERE TO TAKE A WALK  
WITH ANOTHER N THE  
BAZAAR A SUNSET -  
SO AGH SO I COULD  
SEE THAT THAT  
EVERYTHING WAS OKAY



I WAITED,  
BUT BUT  
SHE D'ONT  
SHOW



THE  
INFAMOUS  
HOLLYWOOD  
HERO



IN THE CAFÉ I KEPT WONDERING  
HOW THE AMERICANS COULD  
TO SEND SUCH AN OBVIOUS  
BUMBLING AMATEUR  
NOW I KNOW

YOU'RE NO SPY  
YOU'RE THE ONE  
POSSESSOR OF  
VRIL POWER

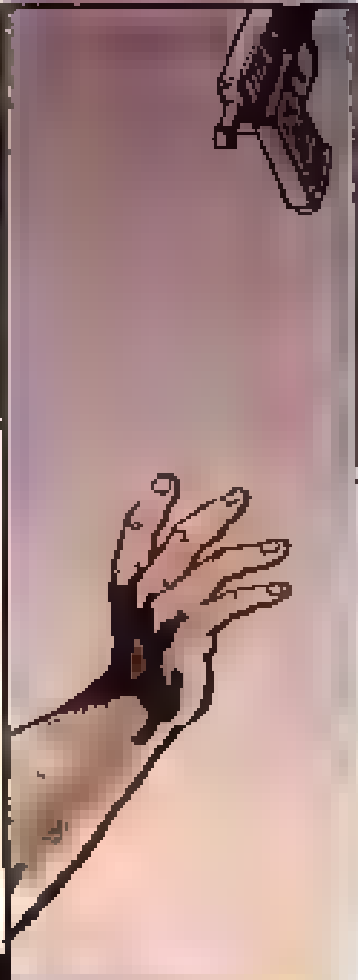


VRIL?  
YOU DON'T  
MEAN--

CALL  
MY POWER  
WHATEVER YOU  
WANT

IT STILL  
MEANS THE  
GUN'S  
USELESS

CAN YOU REALLY  
STOP A BULLET? ALL  
THAT FORCE AND  
SPEE—



I HOPE TO HELL YOU'VE  
GOT SOMETHING TO TELL  
ME ABOUT MISS DUBOIS'  
WHEREABOUTS.

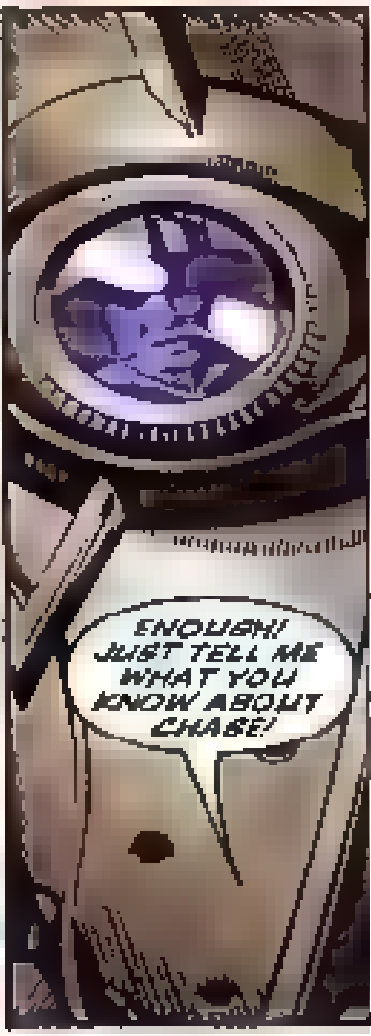


OR YOU  
JUST WALKED  
INTO THE WRONG  
ROOM.



NO NEED FOR THREATS  
WE'RE ALL FRIENDS HERE.  
THE CHIEF DIRECTORATE OF  
RUSSIAN STATE SECURITY  
HAS BEEN FOLLOWING HE  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPLOITS  
OF THE GERMANS FOR  
OVER A YEAR NOW.

EACH DISASTROUS  
FURTHER BACK THE HISTORY  
OF THE SWASTIKA. THE  
ARRIVAL OF JAN GUNTHER,  
SPECIALIST IN ANCIENT  
LANGUAGES MARKS A MAJOR  
STEP IN COMPLETING  
THEIR GOAL.



ENOUGH!  
JUST TELL ME  
WHAT YOU  
KNOW ABOUT  
CHASE!

GO WEST FOLLOW THE  
COAST ACROSS THE  
BORDER UNTIL YOU  
COME TO THE DIG. YOU  
CAN'T MISS IT

I CAN  
ONLY ASSUME  
HE'S TAKING  
HER THERE

GO HOME MR PARSONS  
MISS DUBOIS IS UNDER  
MY CARE NOW

I CAN'T  
DO THAT  
CAPTAIN

YOU'RE GONNA  
NEED MY HELP I'M  
THE ONLY FRIEND  
THE TWO OF YOU  
HAVE IN THIS PART  
OF THE WORLD

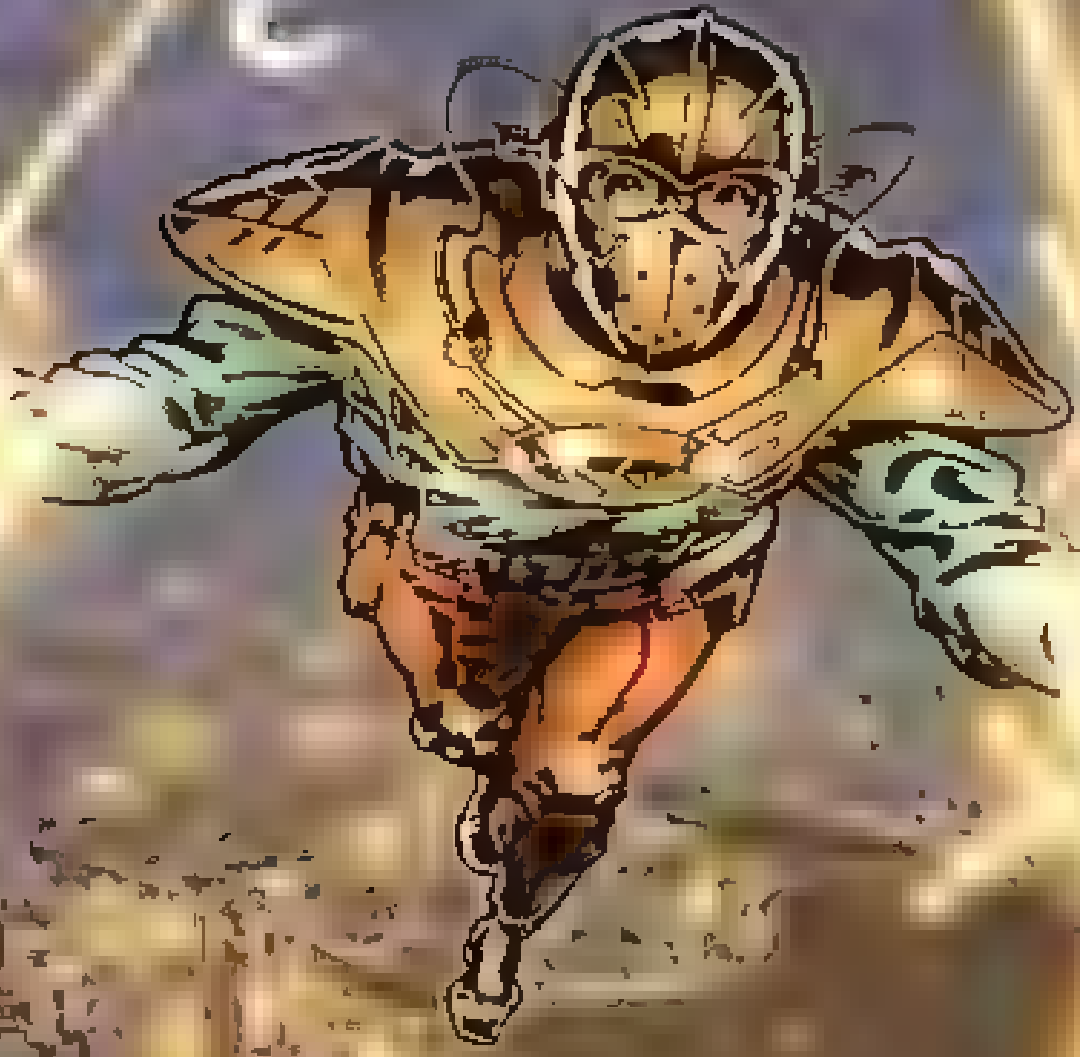
I'LL BE  
WAITING FOR  
YOU IN THE  
EL KHALL  
BAZAR!

DAMN IT! I'M SO STUPID  
I LOST YOU ON THE FIRST DAY

I'M WAY OUT OF MY LEAGUE HERE  
I STOP INEPT BANK ROBBERS,  
RESCUE CATS FROM TREES

I DON'T HAVE WHAT IT  
TAKES TO DO THIS

JUST STAY ALIVE CHASE I'M ON MY WAY



TWO MILES FROM TORUK

AAAAHHHHH!



AAAAHHHHH!







"IT'S NOT YOUR COUNTRY'S WAR.  
CHASE. TS NOT MY WAR



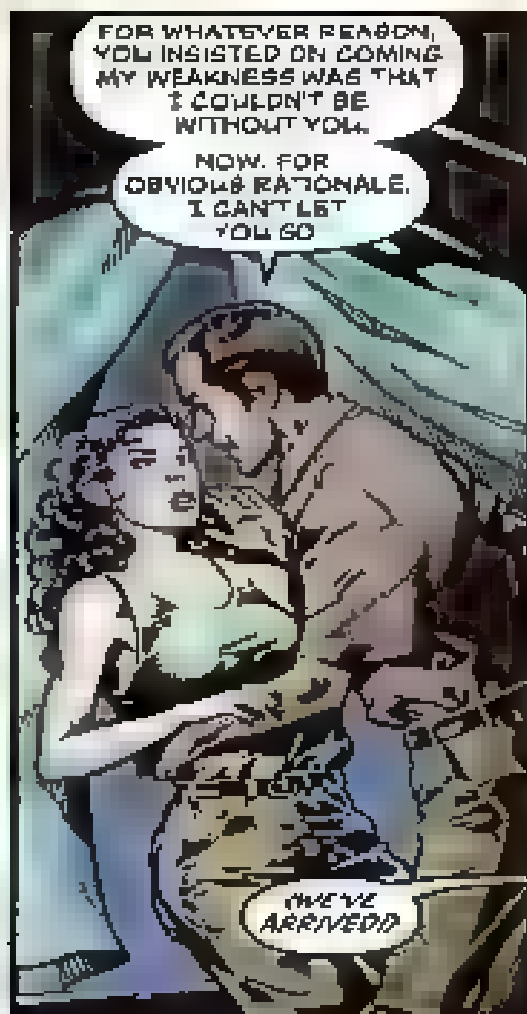
"BUT THERE'S AN ANCIENT SECRET OUT HERE. BURIED  
IN THE SAND. AND I WILL NOT LET A GLOBAL SKIRMISH  
BETWEEN ANTHILLS KEEP ME FROM THAT DISCOVERY



"THAT'S WHERE MY  
ALLEGIANCES LIES"

FOR WHATEVER REASON,  
YOU INSISTED ON COMING.  
MY WEAKNESS WAS THAT  
I COULDN'T BE  
WITHOUT YOU.

NOW, FOR  
OBVIOUS RATIONALE,  
I CAN'T LET  
YOU GO.



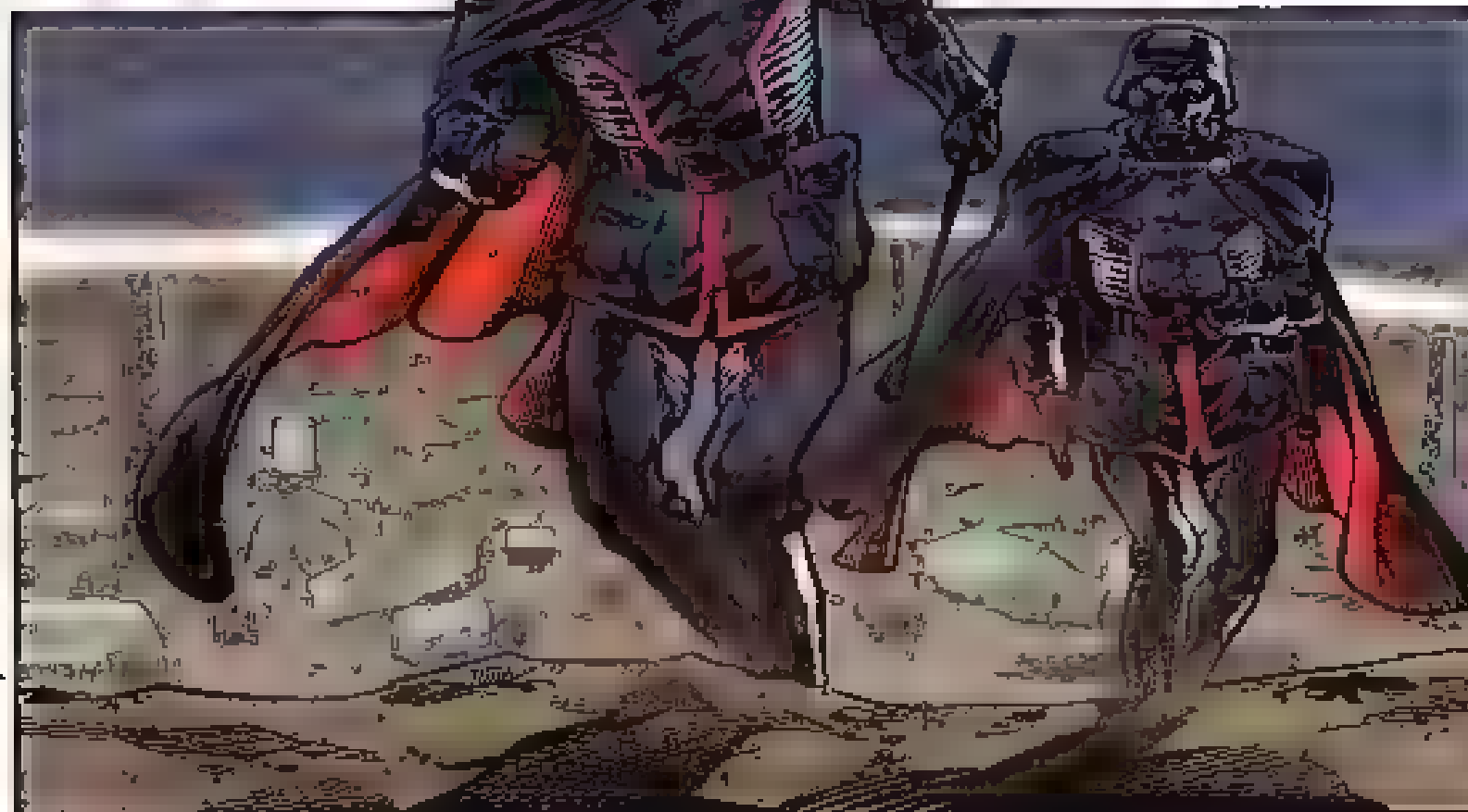
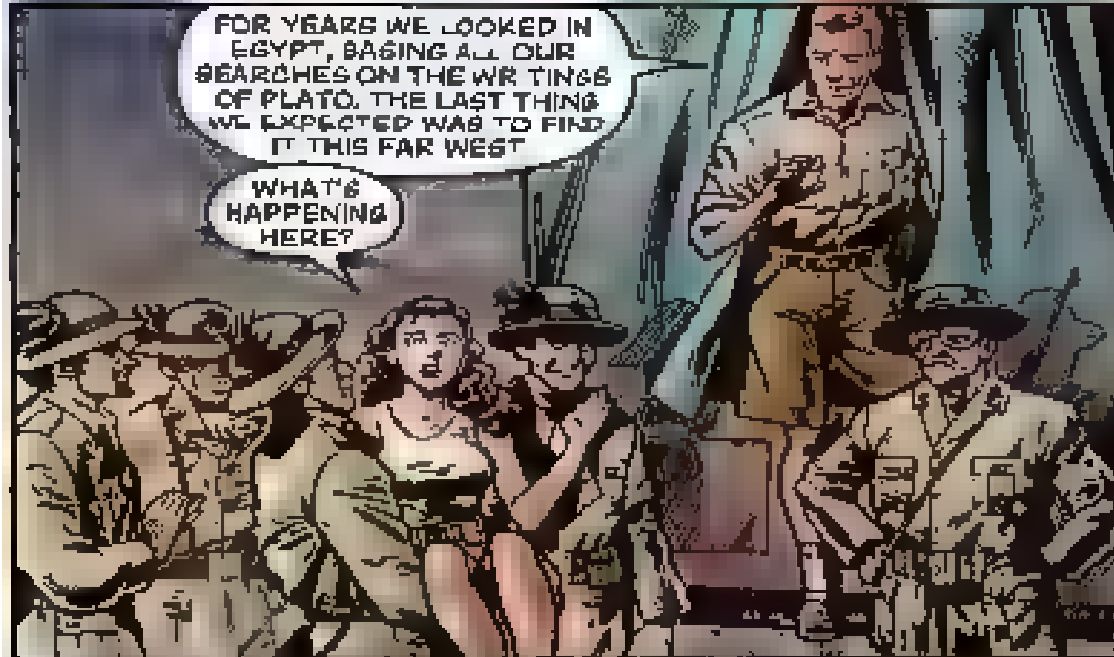
"WE'VE  
ARRIVED"

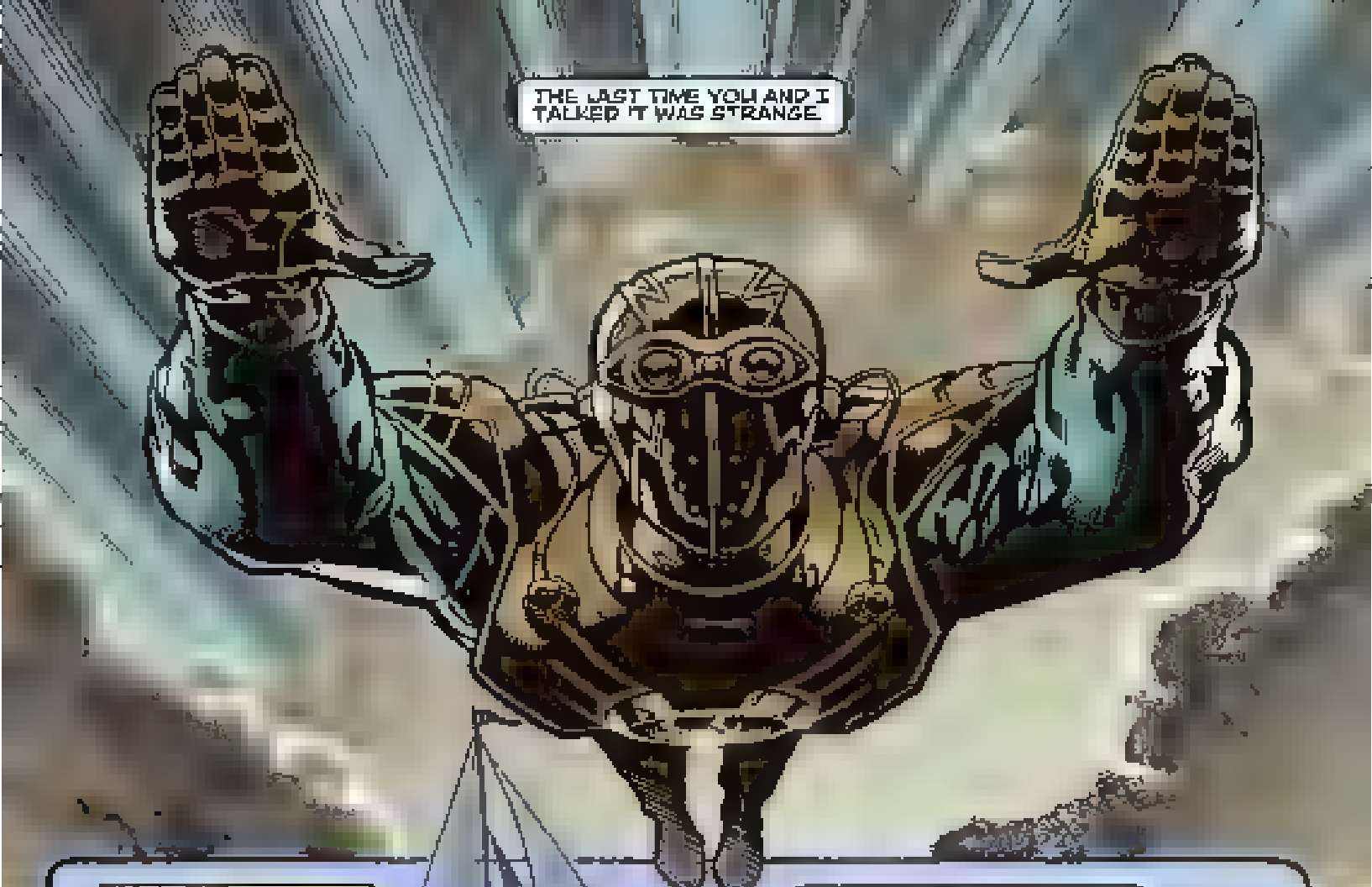


FOR YEARS WE LOOKED IN EGYPT, BASING ALL OUR SEARCHES ON THE WRITINGS OF PLATO. THE LAST THING WE EXPECTED WAS TO FIND IT THIS FAR WEST

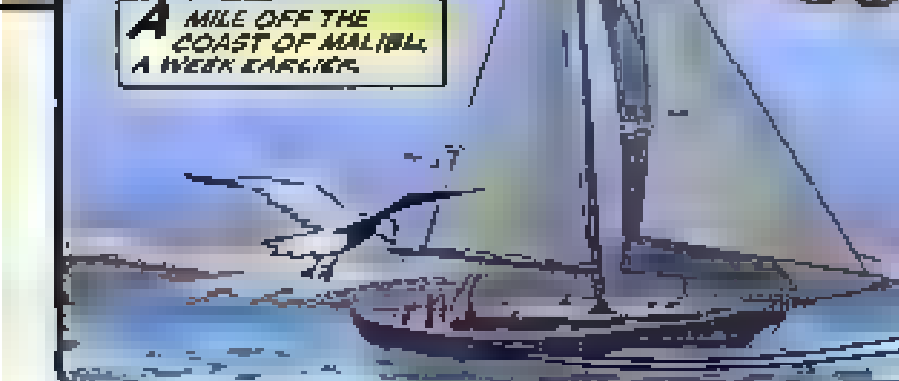
WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?

WHY IT'S ARCHAEOLOGY MY LOVE.





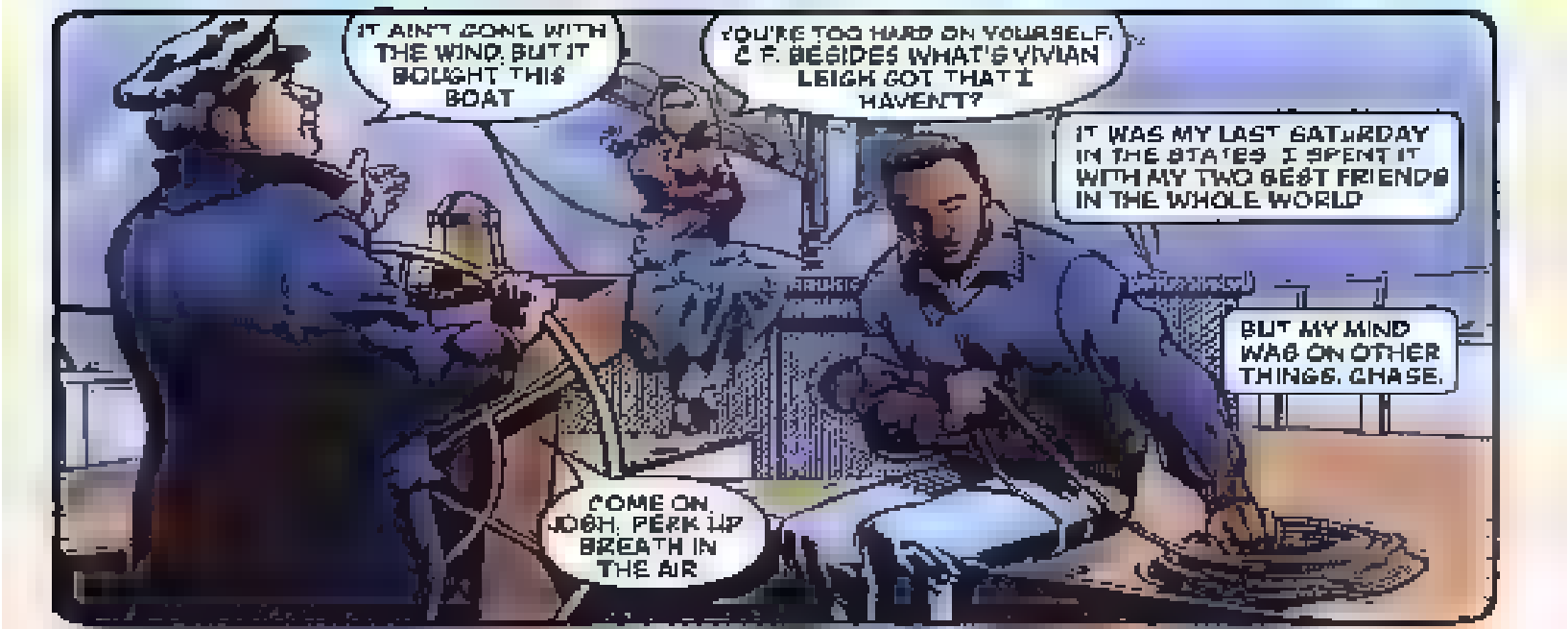
THE LAST TIME YOU AND I  
TALKED IT WAS STRANGE.



A MILE OFF THE  
COAST OF MALIBU,  
A WEEK EARLIER.

OUR RELATIONSHIP WAS  
MORE STRAINED THAN EVER.

HERE'S TO  
ANOTHER SHOOT  
COMPLETED!



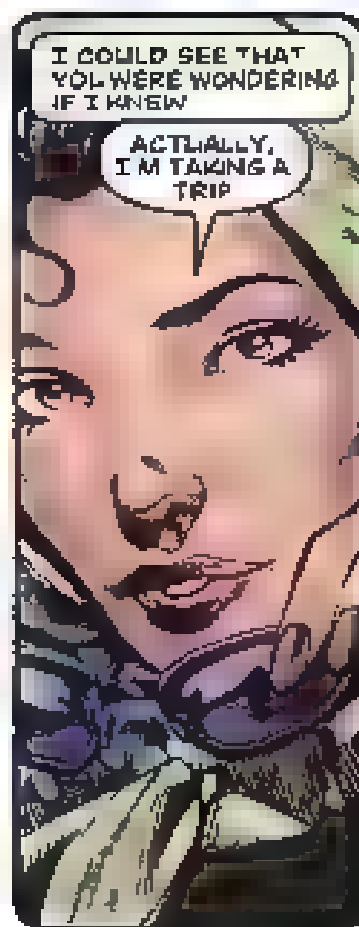
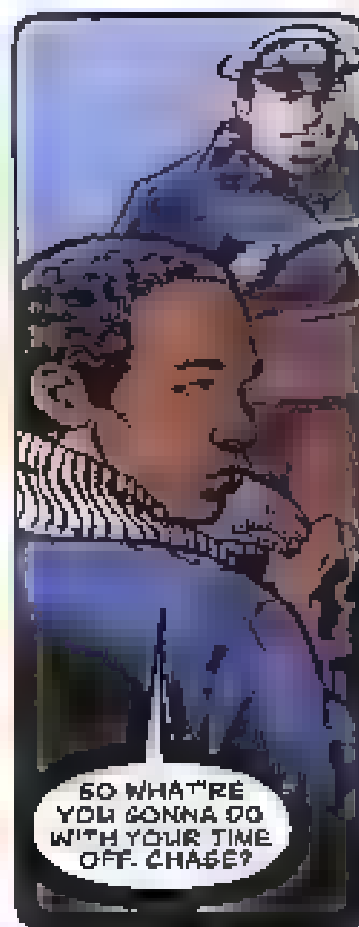
IT AIN'T GONE WITH  
THE WIND, BUT IT  
BOUGHT THIS  
BOAT.

YOU'RE TOO HARD ON YOURSELF,  
C.F. BESIDES WHAT'S VIVIAN  
LEIGH GOT THAT I  
HAVEN'T?

IT WAS MY LAST SATURDAY  
IN THE STATES. I SPENT IT  
WITH MY TWO BEST FRIENDS  
IN THE WHOLE WORLD.

BUT MY MIND  
WAS ON OTHER  
THINGS, CHASE.

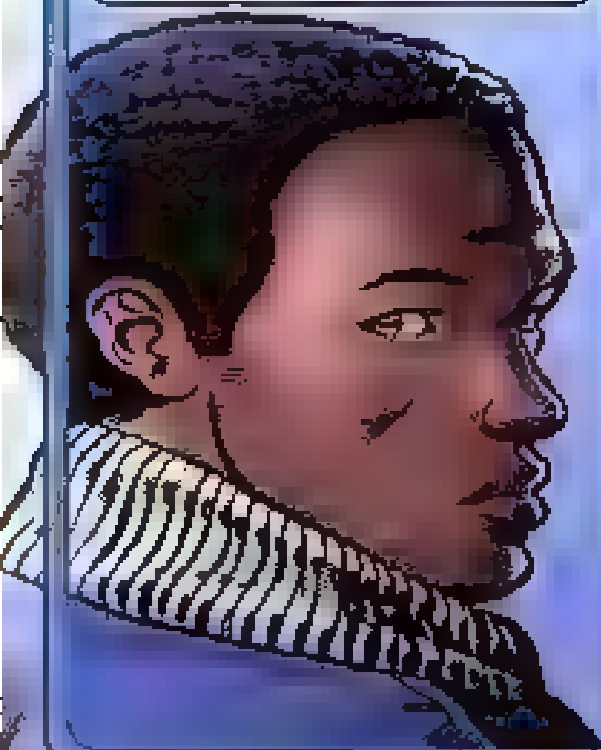
COME ON,  
JOSH. PERK UP  
BREATH IN  
THE AIR.





IN MY MIND I SAID, "I SAW YOU TALKING TO THE FEDS. I KNOW YOU'RE SPYING ON YOUR GERMAN BOYFRIEND FOR THEM."

"I KNOW THEY'RE SENDING YOU TO EGYPT TO KEEP TABS ON EVERYTHING HE DOES, AND THAT THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR SAFETY IN THE LEAST."



"WHY ARE YOU KEEPING IT A SECRET FROM ME? I THOUGHT WE HAD NO SECRETS, CHASE."

INSTEAD I SAID:

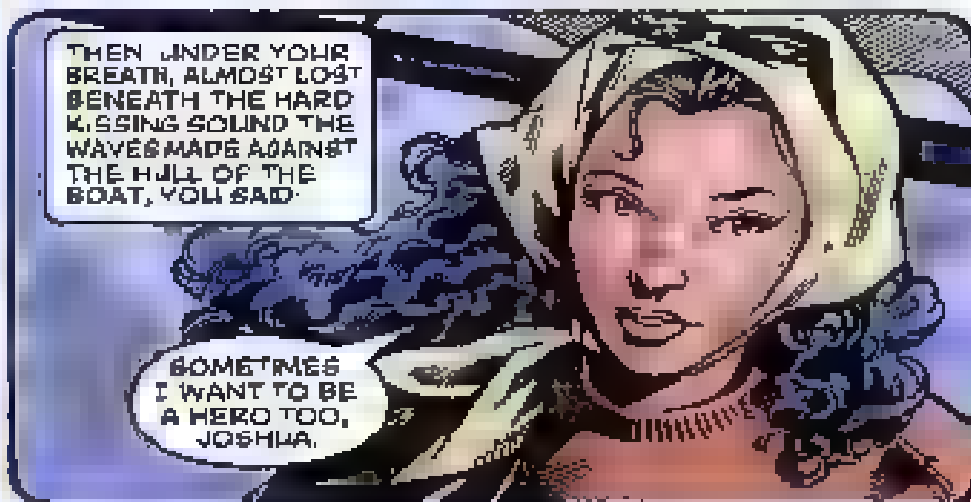
DON'T GO.  
IT'S NOT  
SAFE.

COME ON,  
HAVE FAITH IN THIS  
LITTLE COUNTRY GIRL.



THEN, UNDER YOUR BREATH, ALMOST LOST BENEATH THE HARD KISSING SOUND THE WAVES MADE AGAINST THE HULL OF THE BOAT, YOU SAID:

SOMETIMES  
I WANT TO BE  
A HERO TOO,  
JOSHUA.



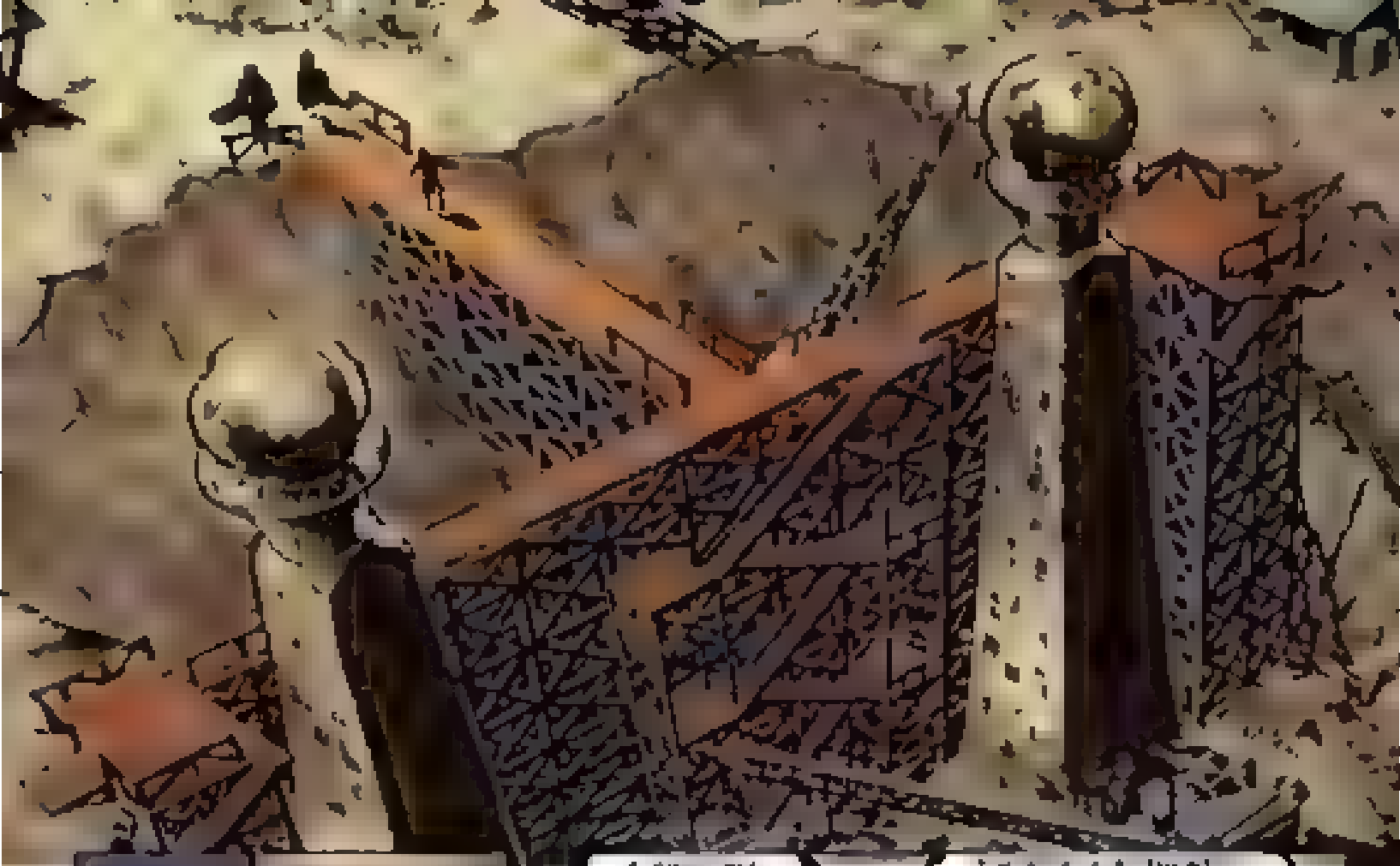
THAT'S WHEN I  
MADE THE DECISION.

I WOULD  
FOLLOW YOU.



PROTECT YOU  
FROM HARM.





IT'S TRUE  
THAT I'VE LOST MY  
WILL TO LIVE  
CAL DATED



I'VE LOST  
THE CHANCE OF  
LIVING IN OUR  
CONSTITUTION

I'VE LOST THE RIGHT  
NOT JUST MYSELF, BUT  
EVERYONE

AND  
YOU'VE DONE IT  
WITH A SINGLE  
THE HATED LIVES  
OF THE ANIMALS  
THE FILLERS OF  
BLOOD

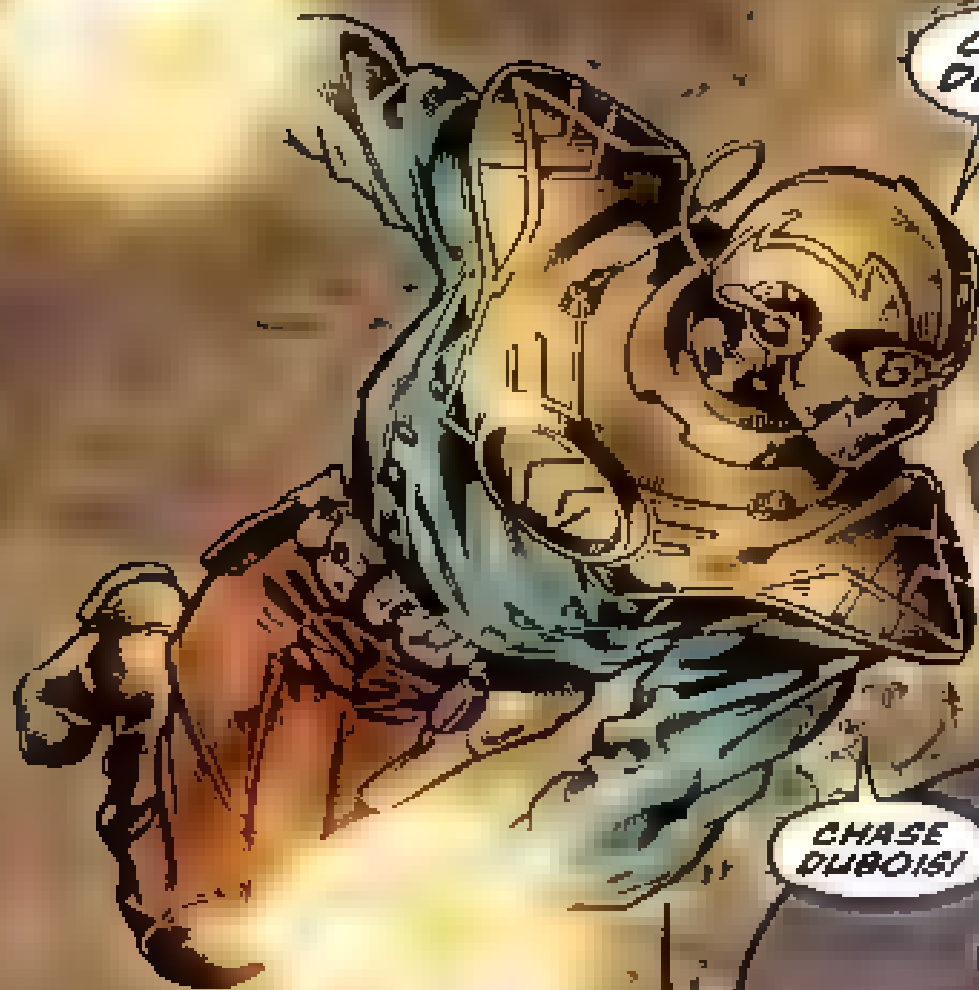
LET ME  
I MUST SAY  
I AM THE ONLY  
WITNESS TO  
THESE AND THE  
MAY

HAS  
EVERYTHING BEEN  
PUT IN ORDER  
SHOULD AND  
I MUST

WITNESS ONLY



ALL RIGHT  
THAT YOU KNOW  
THE ORDER  
DESTROY THE  
MAY BE THE  
THE CAMP AND  
BEING  
FOR BRATINGS TO  
BE COME TO THE  
PATRIOTIC AND  
THE DATA



CHASE  
DUBOIS!

CHASE  
DUBOIS!



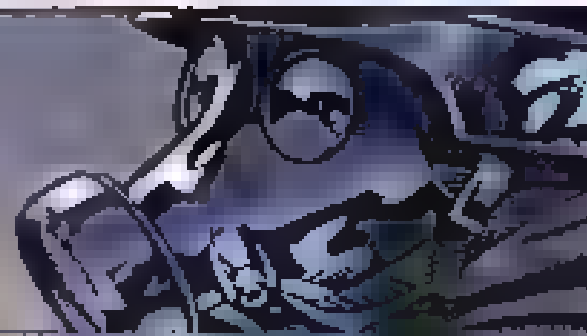
CHASE  
DUBOIS!



CHASE!



OH  
MY GOD.  
RIGHT





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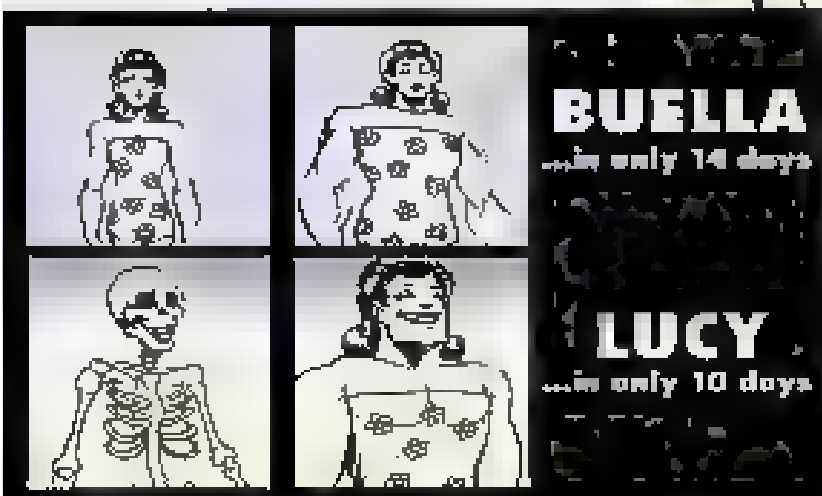
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CAN, TOO!**

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- How to control unseemly mood swings
- How to adjust to the special *Miss Muscle* medicinal regimen



# Captain Gravity: The Hottest Serial Hollywood Has to Offer



# DON'T MISS OUT ON THE LATEST AND GREATEST!

By: SEYMOUR MOVIES

## CAPTAIN GRAVITY AND THE CURSE OF AU PUCH

RFP: Director: C. F. Avery; Producer: Jagger Investments; All Ages

**WHO'S IN IT:** Chase Dubois, Shane Radcliffe, Amelia Johnson

**WHAT'S IT ABOUT:** Aliens, the infamous element 115, and an ancient Mayan curse. This is the movie that got the whole *Captain Gravity* phenomenon started.

**WHAT'S THE VERDICT:** As the first movie shot on location (Chichen Itza, Mexico), *Captain Gravity and the Curse of Au Puch* not only captures astounding landscape, but it adds a real sense of danger. Some critics say the cast and crew were truly in peril from the German investment company. Whether the threat was real or implied by Hollywood press agents, this film is not to be missed.

## CAPTAIN GRAVITY STARS IN THE LADY SHOULDN'T WEAR WHITE

RFP: Director: C. F. Avery; Producer: Marlene Inc; Polygram; All Ages

**WHO'S IN IT:** Chase Dubois, Shane Radcliffe, Harrison Turner, Valerie White

**WHAT'S IT ABOUT:** *Captain Gravity* meets up with a beautiful femme fatale who not only has an eye for epic history, but also aims a string of German aristocrats as well.

**WHAT'S THE VERDICT:** *The Lady Shouldn't Wear White* is a departure for Miss Dubois, and moviegoers will be more than a little spooked at her portrayal of Kinky LeBeau, but not in worry. Dubois, even as a bad girl, is fabulous. She didn't receive an Academy Award nomination, for nothing.



## CAPTAIN GRAVITY AND THE CULT OF VENUS

RFP: Director: C.F. Avery; Producer: Tamor Houghton and Houghton House Productions; All Ages

**WHO'S IN IT:** Chase Dubois, Shane Radcliffe, Hannah Hancock, R. Adams

**WHAT'S IT ABOUT:** Exotic Greek Venus Priestesses cast a spell on Captain Gravity. Can he resist their fringing wiles and their plans to control his control of gravity?

**WHAT'S THE VERDICT:** A whole bunch of eye candy. Newcomers Hancock and Adams team up, he screens and the Captain's goggles in this racy picture.

## CAPTAIN GRAVITY AND THE THREAT CARRIED IN STONE

RFP: Director: C.F. Avery; Producer: Tamor Houghton and Houghton House Productions; All Ages

**WHO'S IN IT:** Chase Dubois, Shane Radcliffe, Bud Maddux, Maria Cuevas

**WHAT'S IT ABOUT:** As Hitler's army takes Europe by storm, Hitler's archaeologists stage a *blinking* of their own.

**WHAT'S THE VERDICT:** Shane Radcliffe finally earns his due with this feature. Not to say that previous performances haven't been great, but a leading lady like Chase Dubois can create a true threat for any actor. A real winner, and Bud Maddux should get an Oscar nomination for his supporting role.

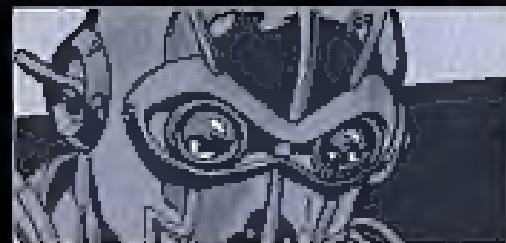
## CAPTAIN GRAVITY AND THE ORIENTAL MENACE

RFP: Director: C.F. Avery; Producer: Tamor Houghton and Houghton House Productions; All Ages

**WHO'S IN IT:** Chase Dubois, Shane Radcliffe, Marie Turner

**WHAT'S IT ABOUT:** An evil Chinese warrior awakened after a thousand year slumber, a hybrid human species created for destruction, and a probably clashing of heads of not-caring by none other than Captain Gravity.

**WHAT'S THE VERDICT:** The item is the *Captain Gravity* serials. Avery's special effects just keep getting better as he introduces unimagined ways to wield gravity. Dubois gives a stellar performance, but Marie Turner steals the show.



## CAPTAIN GRAVITY VS. THE UBERFÜERHER

PEP: Director: C.E. Avery; Producer: Trainor Houghton and Houghton House Productions; All Ages

WHOS IN IT? Chase Dubois, Shane Radcliffe

WHAT'S IT ABOUT? Nazis, the growing conflict in Europe, and a German experiment gone horribly wrong.

WHAT'S THE VERDICT? Despite this country's desire to stay out OVER THERE, Avery makes a very obvious political point about Hitler's designs. As terrifying as it is entertaining, this film has made its director slightly unpopular with those of a certain political persuasion.

## CAPTAIN GRAVITY IN MURDER BY CINEMA

PEP: Director: C.E. Avery; Producer: Trainor Houghton and Houghton House Productions; All Ages

WHOS IN IT? Chase Dubois, Shane Radcliffe, C.E. Avery

WHAT'S IT ABOUT? Movie fanatics are being murdered in really low budget cinema houses. Is it the B-Movie plot or is something more sinister going on?

WHAT'S THE VERDICT? C.E. Avery pokes fun at his serial career in this spoof of the B-Movie industry. He even plays himself in great campy detail. Great fun!

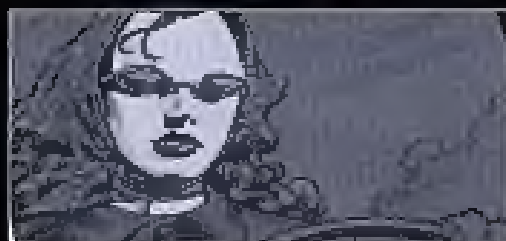
## CAPTAIN GRAVITY IN GAMBLING FOR LIVES

PEP: Director: C.E. Avery; Producer: Trainor Houghton and Houghton House Productions; All Ages

WHOS IN IT? Chase Dubois, Shane Radcliffe

WHAT'S IT ABOUT? The all grins reaper has a bone to pick with the Captain, and challenges the hero to a high stakes game of poker, very high stakes indeed.

WHAT'S THE VERDICT? This is one of the weaker *Captain Gravity* adventures. Avery needed something to fill a hole and he hurried through production of this intellectual, dialogue driven film. But some think it will become a classic among intellectual snobs.



## CAPTAIN GRAVITY AND THE REFORM SCHOOL GIRLS

PEP: Director: C.E. Avery; Producer: Trainor Houghton and Houghton House Productions; All Ages

WHOS IN IT? Chase Dubois, Shane Radcliffe, B. Adams

WHAT'S IT ABOUT? Captain Gravity discovers the truth of female delinquency.

WHAT'S THE VERDICT? B. Adams returns to the *Captain Gravity* series as the hard-boiled and sultry prison matron, Mama Galore who takes advantage of her position and her girls. A fun cheesecake film which pits good girl Chase Dubois with bad girl Adams in the nasty catfight to end all catfights.

## CAPTAIN GRAVITY MEETS THE BEVERLY HILLS FRANKENSTEIN

PEP: Director: C.E. Avery; Producer: Trainor Houghton and Houghton House Productions; All Ages

WHOS IN IT? Chase Dubois, Shane Radcliffe, Courtney Huddleston

WHAT'S IT ABOUT? A Beverly Hills film mogul creates a new Hollywood star through grave robbing and electricity. His plan: a star who can be completely controlled without money. Things go wrong when he learns the star has a mind of his own.

WHAT'S THE VERDICT? C.E. Avery gets in on the popular science fiction and horror genre with this latest flick. Huddleston makes an extraordinary debut as the creature star who gains the Captain's sympathy.

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WHAT'S THE VERDICT? Basically, this film is a movie within a movie. Hollywood agents want to capitalize on the Captain's popularity, but when he refuses, he discovers what movie-makers knew about the biz: it's deadly and downright scary. Very pulpy, but a great parody of Hollywood.

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Hollywood starlet Chase Dubois is off to Egypt with her jetsetter German boyfriend, Jan Gunter, for an archaeological dig—a dig that has caught the attention of the American and British governments. It seems that Hitler has sent research teams out to study the origin of the swastika and the powers that he wants to know why. As a spy on the early World War II battlegrounds, Chase follows Jan in an effort to catch him up to no good. But she isn't alone. Captain Gravity hovers just out of eyeshot to protect an important American commodity... and his best friend.